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The trustee officer is in luck to get his salary raised by the school board twice within a month.

If King Ak-Sar-Ben is not careful the Eagles will soon appropriate the den to themselves for an aeris.

John L. Webster's vice presidential boom is growing. He has gotten into one of the Washington Post man's cartoons.

It takes some people a long time after they get into public office to become saturated with a sense of devotion to public duty.

Judging by the reports from the confederate veterans' reunion at Nashville, penitence is not always a prerequisite to pardon.

Ambitious cities that want to show up well at the next census would do well to keep in touch with the gate admission figures of the St. Louis exposition.

How Lord Dunsen might regret the action of the American rifle team in giving up the Palma trophy. He is again the only dissatisfied English sportsman.

Mars must be in ascendant over Springfield this season to judge by the belligerent actions of the delegates to the various Illinois conventions meeting there.

If Fort Arthur is not really an Asiatic Gibraltar the Russians want to know it, and are taking the only way to find out by refusing to send an army to its relief.

The World-Herald is trying to resurrect the Rockefeller donation as a political issue in the impending Nebraska campaign. That oil can was exploded prematurely.

The folk boom has apparently reached the Missouri supreme court, as two of the convictions he secured in St. Louis bribery cases have finally been affirmed by that body.

As a rule senators have resigned positions to accept places in the cabinet, but there is no constitutional bar to Attorney General Knox traveling the return portion of the ticket.

The bookbinders are meeting at St. Paul, but they will not attract half as much interest as the spellbinders who will meet at St. Louis, although they may do more really effective work.

Leaders of the republican party beginning to assemble at Chicago are hereby duly notified not to attempt to set the vice presidential contest before Nebraska's delegation arrives on the scene.

Colonel Bryan proposes to board the lion in his den by going to New York to make a speech against Parker. Now if Parker wants to return the compliment the new Omaha Auditorium will be at his disposal.

Congressman Williams of Illinois wants it understood that he will be a candidate for nomination for president at the hands of the democratic party without waiting for the aid or consent of any other aspirant, past, present or future.

Having had experience before with railroad bluffs, the shippers of Omaha will not be stampeded by any threat to restore the bridge arbitrary. It will take more than that to convince anyone that railroad managers credited with shrewdness can be so shortsighted.

What are the authorities going to do this year about the sale of dangerous toy pistols and explosive crackers for the July 4th celebration in Omaha? Will the brakes be applied in advance of the damage, or will it be wise to lay in the usual supply of bandages and arnica?

CAPS THE CLIMAX OF AUDAACITY.

When the interstate commerce act was under consideration by congress representatives of the railroads took the position before the national legislature that congress had no more right to regulate railroads than it had to regulate a hardware store, a flouring mill, or a furniture factory.

The same principle has been enunciated by the supreme courts of the various states and by the supreme court of the United States with regard to railroad taxation. In the face of all these decisions and established precedent, the general solicitor of the Burlington has made formal remonstrance against the assessment of Nebraska railroads on the lines laid down by the supreme court of the United States and the supreme court of our own state.

If this board is going to make its estimate of valuation of railroad properties upon the stock and bond theory, or upon the capitalization of the earnings, there is no language too strong to condemn it. With all due deference to the learned counsel of the Burlington railroad, we venture to assert that if members of the board are going to disregard the capitalization and earnings of railroads in their valuation for taxation, there is no language too strong to condemn them, and there will be no power to save them from general condemnation by every taxpayer of Nebraska, including 99 out of every 100 men on the pay roll of the railroads.

Only two years ago the supreme court of Nebraska issued its mandate, ordering the Omaha city council to reconvene and reassess the property of the Omaha Street Railroad company, and the properties of all other public utility corporations on the basis of the market value of their stocks and bonds. In what respect does a railroad operated by steam and transacting business in the whole state, differ from a railroad operated by electricity and doing traffic within the limit of a city? How can the state board with any degree of decency disregard the various decisions rendered by the federal circuit courts and the United States supreme court itself, in which the right of the state to assess railroads on a basis of their capitalization and earnings has been affirmed and reaffirmed.

It is almost as easy for railroad attorneys to juggle with words and court decisions as it is for railroad tax agents to juggle with figures. General Manderson has capped the climax in both. He not only denounces the unit rule of assessing railway systems as a whole, but he asks the board to disregard all the fundamental principles of valuation of chartered public highways, exercising sovereign powers, levying arbitrary tribute upon the products of the country tributary to them.

In any event it is not likely that this losing competition will be long maintained, but it is to be expected that what it is alleged to have already done will arouse the anti-immigrationists to renewed protest and revive the demand for further restrictive legislation. It is to be inferred from reported remarks of the commissioner general of immigration that he will not lose the opportunity to cater to this sentiment.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS TO COME. All the prominent and leading democratic state conventions have been held, except in Illinois, Texas, Minnesota and Missouri. The Illinois and Texas conventions will meet on June 21, the same day that the republican national convention will be called to order.

General Manderson's plea that the assessment of a railroad on the mileage basis, proportionate to its net earnings, is unfair because of its valuable terminals in other states, is disposed of most effectively in the Indiana case, where the same plea was advanced for the Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad, and Justice Brewer expressly declared that the distribution of the terminals, whether located in Indiana or Illinois along the entire mileage of the system was fully justified because the terminals derived their value from the traffic secured in the territory outside of the state as well as in the state.

The weakest spot in Solicitor Manderson's labored plea is his failure to point out by what process the state board should arrive at a rational or intelligent guess at the value of railroads if they are not to consider the capitalization or the earnings without abandoning the assessment of the franchise altogether and returning them for what they would be worth as farming lands, kindling wood and scrap iron.

One reason for the failure of Great Britain to insist upon the evacuation of Manchuria by Russia, according to its promise, has just come to light. It holds the Chinese port of Wei Hai Wei only so long as Russia holds Fort Arthur, and Great Britain hates to give up territory.

If the paving contractors persist in playing the dog-in-the-manger act much

longer by completely blocking the efforts of our property owners to get street improvements the proposition for a municipal asphalt repair plant may have to be expanded into a municipal plant capable of doing original work as well as repair work.

THE TANGIER TANGLE.

The latest information from Tangier states that the bandit chief who is holding an American citizen and British subject for ransom has been communicated with, but there is nothing absolutely definite in regard to his intentions. The dispatch says it is thought possible the captives will not be released this week, from which it is perhaps to be inferred that there is favorable promise of their release at some future time, or when the bandit chief shall be satisfied that the ransom money will be paid and his security against punishment assured.

So far as the sultan of Morocco is concerned he appears to have acted fairly in the matter. He promised compliance with the radical demands of the bandit chief and appears to have made every effort that could reasonably be expected to secure the release of the captives. Meanwhile the presence of the American squadron at Tangier has been amply justified and it is not to be doubted that the prompt action of our government will have a lasting influence, though it will still be advisable for Americans to keep out of the reach of Morocco brigands. Of course Ransoul will never be punished. Neither our government nor that of Great Britain will be likely to insist upon the sultan going to the trouble and expense of hunting down the bandit chief and punishing him. The release of the captives will undoubtedly close the unpleasant incident.

PROMOTING IMMIGRATION. There is a very active competition between the foreign transatlantic steamship companies for emigrants and a steep rate war is on which it is reported is having the effect to bring to this country thousands of undesirable immigrants. It is stated that not less than 46 per cent of the total number of steerage passengers who arrived at New York last week have been detained by the immigration officials and it is alleged that most of these are afflicted with diseases that exclude them under our laws.

It is very probable that this statement is exaggerated, though it may be that a larger proportion of those forbidden by law to land may get into the steerage at the cheap rates. All the immigration officials are concerned with is the exclusion from landing of those whom the law in terms requires to be excluded. It makes no difference whether their tickets cost \$10 or \$30, or that the steamship companies are competing for steerage passengers by cut rates. "Our government," observes the New York Journal of Commerce, "is supposed to restrict immigration on some definite principle, mainly that of shutting out the diseased and defective and those liable to become a charge upon the public, and so long as it effects that by a watchful and efficient execution of the law it has nothing to do with the rivalry of steamship companies or their rates for steerage passage."

A Discredited Pattern. Philadelphia Record. Russell Sage has been so busy making money and honoring it for nearly three-quarters of a century that he begrudges the holidays. He would have no Fourth of July, Christmas day or Washington's birthday, and he denounces negroes, manufacturers, his own, and more sense and judgment. The prospect of a victory here before us—it is within our grasp. Let us not quibble over immaterial incidents or quarrel about candidates. Any good citizen will suit us and any good democrat ought to suit you, fellow democrats. And when the lines are set and the ticket is named let each and every one of us put his shoulder to the wheel of the old carry-all, nor any son-of-a-gun of us look behind!

SENATOR KNOX. Philadelphia Ledger: There will be unanimous and hearty concurrence by all concerned for the honor of the state, in the selection of Philander C. Knox for United States senator. So happy a solution of a perplexing situation had not been hoped for.

New York Tribune: Mr. Knox will be a decided acquisition to the republican strength in the senate. He is thoroughly conversant with the intricacies of the administration. He has broad views and large knowledge, and is likely to have great influence both in committee and debate. For the first time in many years Pennsylvania will have a representative in the senate, and he denotes negroes, manufacturers of general interest with the machinery of practical politics.

Kansas City Star: The country will regret the resignation of Mr. Knox from the cabinet, but the president will have some months in which to select his successor, and the people know that Mr. Roosevelt will make the utmost effort to find a new attorney general who will be able and worthy to continue the labors so successfully carried forward by Mr. Knox. It may be accepted that a new attorney general will not mean a new policy toward trusts and corporations.

Philadelphia, North American: By the appointment of Philander C. Knox, late attorney general of the United States, as senator from Pennsylvania this state obtains the highest type of representation it has ever had in the upper chamber of congress. Putting all other considerations aside, it will be conceded by every fair-minded, patriotic citizen that there is no other man so eminently qualified to shed honor upon the office and to render service to the commonwealth.

Philadelphia Press: It is a choice so large and broad-minded that it will at once satisfy all the political elements in the state. There is no room for criticism, and no one who sets the interests of the party and the commonwealth above men's feelings will not suffer the least feeling of disappointment. It is the most creditable to the party organization that it has united upon such a candidate. It will strengthen it and its leaders in the confidence and respect of the people. They are justly entitled to the congratulations of all.

Horrible Thought. Philadelphia North American. According to Dr. Wiley, 96 per cent of the stuff sold in the United States as whisky is not whisky. It is said to consist of the number of innocent persons who must have been inveigled into the purchase of adulterated jags.

Liberty Banishes the Stig. Boston Transcript. The Spanish club of Manila is going to celebrate the Fourth along with the Americans because our army and navy paid honors to the dead soldiers and sailors of Spain buried near Manila. At least the "bloody shirt" did not follow the flag.

TALK ABOUT THE WAR.

Some Gossip Overlooked by the Censor's Blue Pencil.

A letter from Moscow to the London Telegraph says: "Admiral Makaroff, unaccustomed to maneuver a large squadron in so difficult a place as Port Arthur, frequently had such slight mishaps as collisions of ships which, fortunately, entailed no serious consequences. Finally he drew up and stereotyped a plan of maneuver, according to which ships had to form in line of battle outside the harbor, each being up a specified place, and from this arrangement he never departed. The Japanese, noticing this uniformity, anchored a contact mine in the position assigned to the Petropavlovsk, and in this way the disaster was brought about. A few minutes before the catastrophe an officer twice requested the admiral to seek for contact mines, but he was told to mind his own business. The officer repeated the warning a third time and Makaroff ordered him to go away immediately under threat of punishment."

"We can understand the inimical feelings of England, the feeling of Germany (whose situation in central Europe is entirely too confined toward Russia," writes Prince Esper Oukhlomsky in Harper's Weekly. "In this instance, in a certain antipathetic sentiment against us, we find causes and motives based on historical traditions. But why a second population like the States of North America should seriously view the present events in eastern Asia not from the practical, but only from a highly theoretical standpoint, is not clear. When the Americans are discussing the dark side of the social life in Russia and criticize sharply the Russians, why do not close our eyes to many of the cancerous affections of our own country, know better than a westerner may be able to judge how correctly such a criticism very often sounds; on the other hand, we Europeans might at times be inclined to lower the light that can only hope to be coming from good relations between the two countries. Instead of learning how to know and appreciate one another, and instead of marching hand in hand toward the attainment of certain goals of both gigantic powers, in due course of time we shall arrive at the state of speaking in language equally unintelligible to both. Cul prodest!"

Unique among the cities of the world is Dally, which has now fallen into the hands of the Japanese. It is a city that was built to order, having been contracted for by the czar's government. It was built with astonishing rapidity, and was designed with extraordinary completeness to the last detail. That, before any trade came to the place and while only a handful of merchants were there, a 40-foot pleasure drive should have been cut through the hills for seven or eight miles seems incredible, yet this was one of the things that were done.

When Russia secured the lease of Port Arthur, the adjacent territory she determined to make the stronghold exclusively a war port, while at the head of Tally Wan bay, about twenty miles south-east of Port Arthur, it was decided to construct a great commercial emporium, with ample quays, warehouses, stores, hotels and every convenience of a modern city. Dally was to be the great trading port of Manchuria, the New York of the far east, to it merchant ships from all over the world were to come, and through it Manchuria was to be opened up.

Just how much money was sunk in building Dally cannot be known. The sum is said to have exceeded \$25,000,000, in spite of the fact that labor is extremely cheap in that region. The barren hillside was converted into a city, the mud was dredged away to give more deep-water space, docks were excavated, a grand boulevard was created, spacious boulevards and wide macadamized streets were constructed, and gardens were planted.

Dally, which means "far away," has been open to foreign vessels for three years, but has never had any population to speak of with the exception of the Chinese and the Russian officials. It has been likened to a city of the dead.

A Japanese graduate of Harvard and Columbia universities was the center of a group who were discussing the war in the far east and the development of the people of Japan. He cited the interesting fact that there is no such thing as a court-martial in the Japanese army. If an officer or a soldier is palpably guilty of cowardice, of crime or a breach of discipline his punishment is to be executed by a court-martial. That is enough, however, as the culprit almost invariably commits suicide. "That wouldn't do for Americans," remarked one of the company. "We are too civilized for that. Wouldn't Captain Oberlin Carter like it if his punishment had been merely disgrace?"

A writer in the New York Sun explains that Japanese suicide by disembowelment is not hara-kiri. "The correct term is 'hara-kiri,' pronounced with the accent on the second syllable, and not 'hairy-kairy.' As many of the Japs from now on in the fight with Russia, when defeated, will be doomed to show their national characteristic as 'quitters,' and commit this suicide of 'happy despatch,' we should be more accurate in our allusion to it. 'Hara-kiri' means, if anything, 'glass goes,' which is nonsense. 'Hara-kiri,' the correct term, means 'belly cut.' A Japanese in victory is one thing; in adversity quite another. In the first instance he is bumptious, cocky, a bit of a braggart; in defeat, the worst kind of a coward, so pusillanimous that he is the most pitiful wreck, mentally and physically."

Says the Tokio Hochi Shimbun: "The aim of the present war with Russia is to chastise her to bring her to her senses and to repentance for her folly. We are not cherishing revenge. When the czar heard of the Japanese attack on his fleet at Port Arthur, he was very angry, and declared that Japan should receive a re-venge of a hundredfold. We regret his indiscretion, though we amply excuse him. Perhaps he was too much excited at the moment for the better exercise of his senses."

"We exhort our people: Do not become so much excited by the strong war feeling that you lose your natural judgment, nor consider Russia an eternal enemy. For, when the struggle is over, Russia will be our good neighbor and friend who will enter into commercial and other profitable relations with us."

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Fifty Years the Standard

Advertisement for Borden's Cream Baking Powder. Includes logo of a woman with a basket and text: "Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food. PRICE BAKING POWDER CO., CHICAGO."

A BOUQUET OF COMPLIMENTS.

Blair Pilot: It was a good move on the part of the republican state committee when they moved the state headquarters from Lincoln to Omaha. Of course Lincoln is more about it, but what of that? The Lindell hotel people are sore, but what of that? Of course the Lindell will be a pretty dead place for the next five months, but the handsome handouts that have been involuntarily made for the past three years should count for something.

Central City Republican: Dr. David R. Kerr has resigned from his position as president of Bellevue college after several years of successful management as head of the institution. He has been chosen president of Westminster college at Fulton, the leading Presbyterian educational institution of West Missouri, and the increased sphere of influence and an increase in salary together with internal friction at Bellevue are given as the reasons for his relinquishing the executive chair of the Nebraska school. His removal will be a distinct loss not alone to his church, but to educational circles in general in Nebraska, as he was a man of great strength of character, and an educator of advanced ideas and has in a few years time advanced Bellevue from a place of obscurity to the front rank of the colleges in the state.

Fremont Tribune: The dedication of a \$250,000 auditorium in Omaha is a signal achievement for that city. Its building has required energy, ingenuity, liberality and faith. The men who have subscribed to it have done so with the belief that Omaha has a future and they have been willing to stake thousands upon it. They see that the great west to which Omaha is the inevitable gateway is certain to develop into a mighty empire; that during the present decade there will be such a growth to greatness as to speedily contribute to Omaha's upbuilding. The Auditorium, a vast and splendid edifice for large gatherings, will prove of inestimable value to the city and will do much to bring thither conventions of state and national import.

Springfield Monitor: Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the hustling citizens of Omaha for her handsome Auditorium that was opened to the public Tuesday evening by a grand ball. It is a building as a city of Omaha's class needs and means bringing to her many big conventions and other gatherings that the town otherwise could not accommodate properly.

PERSONAL NOTES. Signora Duse now lives in complete retirement, seeing no one, avoiding all fatigue and doing her best not to think of things theatrical.

Prince Hohenlohe and his party, who have been touring Colorado, declare that the Rocky Mountain scenery surpasses anything to be found in the Alps.

Senator Stewart of Nevada is finding the role of a Cincinnatus more expensive than that of a Cato, and has sold his fancy farm in Virginia to a member of the Interstate Commerce commission for about a fifth of what it cost him.

John Cabot Smith, a Kentuckian of royal descent, invites all the Smiths in the country to pay him a visit next fall and enjoy a three days' reunion at his expense. The little Smith can roll in the blue-jeans of the grocer says that you will have grass of his mansion while the grown

AWAKENING. Somersville Journal. I had a dream the other night. Which I will now relate: I dreamed I was the emperor of a kingdom.

A thousand vasaals bowed the knee before my majesty throne. Ten thousand soldiers, armor-clad, obeyed my will alone.

In royal luxury I lived. My very word was law. And millions of my subjects watched My every move with awe.

With wealth my coffers overflowed, I loathed the sight of gold. So wearied was I with the joys Of opulence untold.

Such was my dream. Then I awoke. To hear our Nora say: "The grocer says that you will have to pay his bill today."

Large advertisement for Lifebuoy Soap. Includes illustration of a woman washing clothes and text: "Lifebuoy Soap is more than Soap, yet costs no more but does more. It adds to the cleansing value of fine soap, a sure power to destroy germs of infectious disease, so that the woodwork and floors, the family washing, and the toilet and bath take on new antiseptic and health-promoting features. Note the odor of health. LIFEBOUY. MADE IN TWO SIZES: 'LAUNDRY' AND 'TOILET'."